(b) whether considering the erosion in the rupee value and continuous rise in the prices affecting the Government pensioners equally, and in view of the fact that a large number of employees have to live in rented houses, Government have considered the question of giving them reasonable benefits in the shape of house rent allowance, city compensatory allowance etc. if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Notwithstanding the relief on pension sanctioned by the Government for every 8 points rise in the 12-monthly average of the All India Working Class Consumer Price Index, as recommended by the Third Pay Commission, the Government have since amended the terms of reference of the Fourth Pay Commission and referred the question of pension structure to the Commission with a view to having a proper pension structure for pensioners both present and future. The Commission has been requested to have regard to all relevant factors including the retirement benefits available to employees in the other sectors, economic conditions in the country, the resources of the Central Government etc.

Pollution caused by Industrial waste in rivers

1254. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made by Government to find out the extent of pollution caused by industrial wastes in rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to conduct any survey in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to enact legislation to make it obligatory for industrial units to process the waste and not discharge it into rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to surveys conducted by the Pollution Control Boards, the industrial waste water discharge in the rivers is 10 per cent of the total volume of pollution load. Major and medium Industries contribute 7 per cent and the small scale industries contribute 3 per cent.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 the industries are required to treat their effluents for conforming to the prescribed standards before discharging into the water bodies.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme

1255. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States have not satisfactorily implemented the 20-Point Programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are monitoring implementation of the said programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government are taking for speedy and effective imp-

lementation of the 20-Point Programme?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. According to the reports rereived from States and Union Territories implementation of the 20-Point Programme was 'Very Good' under 9 points, 'Good' under 4 points and 'Poor' under 7 points. The gradations are on the basis that achievement of 90 per cent of the seven months (April—October) targets is treated as 'Very Good', between 80 and 90 per cent as 'Good' and below 80 per cent as 'Poor'. The reports also show that 13 out of 20 items recorded more than 80 per cent achievement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All States/UTs have appointed Nodal Officers and set up Monitoring and Implementation Committees to oversee the performance of the 20-Point Programme at block/taluka, district and State levels. A Monitoring Division is working in the Ministry of Programme Implementation.

(d) In addition to the scrutiny of the Monthly Progress Reports, letters are addressed to the State Governments and concerned Central Ministries to improve the performance. Further, officers of the Central Government visit the States/UTs to review the implementation of the Programme. These officers hold discussions with the concerned officers in the State and also make field visits to see some of the Programmes/Schemes on the ground.

Criteria for Promotion of IAS/IPS Officers to Joint Secretary

1256. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering afresh the criteria for promotion of IAS and IPS officials as Joint Secretary in the Central Government;

(b) whether any changes have been made in such criteria for promotion to Joint Secretary since January 1, 1985; and

(c) the details of such changes effective since January 1, 1985 with reference to empanelment as Joint Secretary?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Concentration of Pakistani Troops in Jammu and Kashmir Border

1257. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current massive preparations including the concentration of forces and hoarding of sophisticated weapons and foodstuffs for winter months by the Pakistani troops all along the line of actual control in Jammu and Kashmir give a hint of their nafarious designs on the State;

(b) whether during his recent meeting with the Pakistani President in New York, the Prime Minister brought to his notice all these activities;

(c) what had been the reaction of the Pakistan's President thereto; and

(d) what steps the Government of India have taken to counter the Pakistani threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) There is no evidence to suggest any unusual